

**REQUEST
FOR
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| Examiner Name | R. N. Kackar |
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- ☐ b. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on (date):
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- ☐ d. The ___ page(s) of Form PTO-1449 and copy of each listed document filed (date):
- ☐ e. Other:
- ☒ 2. A THIRD month's Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith.
- ☒ 3. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.
- ☒ 4. A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is submitted herewith.
- ☐ 5. This Request is transmitted by facsimile to number (703) _____.
- ☐ 6. Other:

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| THE RCE FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS: | | | | | | Basic Fee: | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims: | 18 | - | 20 | (highest number previously paid for) = | 0.00 | X \$18 = | |
| Independent Claims: | 3 | - | 3 | (highest number previously paid for) = | 0.00 | X \$86 = | |
| Correspondence Address: 23364 Customer Number | | | | | | Multiple Dependent Claim (add \$290.00): | |
| | | | | | | Subtotal: | \$770.00 |
| | | | | | | 50% Reduction if Small Entity Status: | |
| Phone: 703-683-0500 Fax: 703-683-1080 | | | | | | Total: | \$770.00 |
| Date: | | Name: | | | Signature: | | Reg. No. |
| November 26, 2003 | | Joseph DeBenedictis | | | | | 28,502 |

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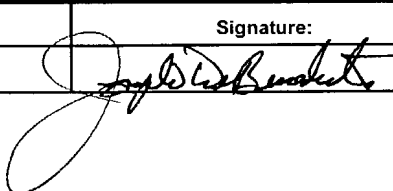
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